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GUILD COUNCIL REPORT
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SUMMARY

With PROSH running, the first few weeks of University, and Utopia opening it has been an exciting month! I have put a focus onto communications and gathering feedback about how the Guild communicates with students, as well as the strategic planning process of the University, hopefully setting the Guild and the University up for a successful future which provides students a high-quality education. The consultation on the Freedom of Expression is also ending with some clear common themes and recommendations emerging.

MEETINGS ATTENDED

Date	Meeting	Purpose
19/2/19	Laurence Coleman	Freedom of Expression
19/2/19	Trish Rechichi & Christina Lua	Bimonthly meeting
19/2/19	Science Union	Camp approval
19/2/19	Guild Day	Orientation Event
19/2/19	Education Council	Monthly meeting
20/2/19	Library Executive	Monthly meeting
20/2/19	Guild Weekly Filming	
20/2/19	Guild Strategic Resources Committee	Monthly meeting
20/2/19	DVC(E)	Monthly meeting
20/2/19	SIS Orientation	Orientation Presentation
20/2/19	Student Assist, Metropolitan Suicide Prevention Agency	Suicide prevention at UWA: how can we improve?
20/2/19	Advocate	System demonstration
21/2/19	Freedom of Expression WG	Albany Consultation
21/2/19	Albany Students' Association	Face-to-face meeting
21/2/19	Veronica Dayman	Discussion of how Guild can better support Albany students
22/2/19	O-Day	Orientation Event
25/2/19	Young Lives Matter Foundation	Introductory Meeting
25/2/19	Chloe Keller, Tony Goodman	Weekly meeting
25/2/19	Utopia Opening	
25/2/19	OzTrek Highschool Lunch	Future students engagement
25/2/19	Danielle Browne	Western Australian Digital Subscriptions
25/2/19	John Dell	International Student Engagement: FEMS
25/2/19	Election Culture Working Group	First meeting
26/2/19 – 28/2/19	Universities Australia Conference	
1/3/19	Executive	Fortnightly meeting
1/3/19	Trevor Crooke, UWA Finance	UWA Investment Portfolio Overview
1/3/19	Communications & transparency working group	Working group first meeting
4/3/19	Convocation day	Tree planting & reception
5/3/19	Warwick Calkin	Fortnightly meeting
5/3/19	Chris Massey, Tim Martin	Fortnightly meeting

5/3/19	Employability Community of Practice	First meeting
5/3/19	Club carnival	
5/3/19	Welfare Department Committee	Co-option brief
5/3/19	Bettina Arndt Protest	
5/3/19	Freedom of expression working group	Final meeting before report
5/3/19	Yellow brick row	Trinity College expo
6/3/19	Access Department AGM	
6/3/19	David Sadler, Chris Massey, Bre Shanahan	Bettina Arndt
6/3/19	Fang Ke	UWA's Got Talent
6/3/19	Peter Lennie	WUN Student Forum Planning
6/3/19	Sue Ellery	Bi-annual meeting
6/3/19	Guild Council	Monthly meeting
7/3/19	International Womens' Day Breakfast	
7/3/19	Brianne Yarran	Marndanju Week Planning
7/3/19	Jess Pether	Welfare Department
8/3/19	Dianne Hesterman	Communities of Practice
8/3/19	Tony Goodman, Jenny Ophel, Chloe Jackson	Student Assist Process
8/3/19	Raymond Da Silva Rosa	Senate strategic seminar planning
8/3/19	StudentConnect Reskin Expo	Sprint 6
8/3/19	Peter Dean	WIL
8/3/19	Notre Dame Executive	Tour of Guild
11/3/19	Senate Strategic Seminar	
12/3/19	Tony Goodman, Jenny Ophel, Chloe Jackson, Mutya MJ	Student Assist + GSC
12/3/19	Science Union	Camp approval
12/3/19	Young Leaders Council Committee	
12/3/19	Student Assist, Bre Shanahan, Lincoln Aspinall, Patricia Paguio	Domestic violence presentations trend
13/3/19	Vice-Chancellor	Quarterly meeting
13/3/19	Ron Edwards, Ron Woss	Young Lives Matter Campus Tour
13/3/19	Campus Activation Steering Group	First meeting
13/3/19	Vision 2030 Environments Workstream	
13/3/19	David Sadler, Lincoln Aspinall	Monthly meeting
13/3/19	SOC Meeting	
14/3/19	Executive	Fortnightly meeting
14/3/19	Safety on Campus Steering Group	First meeting & reformulation of group
14/3/19	Kelly Whyte	Capital Investment Committee
14/3/19	Library Executive	Monthly Meeting
14/3/19	Campus masterplan update	
15/3/19	Block Party	Guild event
18/3/19	Staff orientation	Presentation & Guild stall
18/3/19	Saleem Al Odeh	Response to NZ Shooting
18/3/19	Catering & Tavern Committee	Monthly Meeting
18/3/19	Tricia Wylde	WUN Mental Health
18/3/19	IQX Launch	

19/3/19	Warwick Calkin	Fortnightly meeting
19/3/19	Election Culture Working Group	Regularly meeting
19/3/19	David Sadler	MD assured entry
19/3/19	Welfare Officer Interview	
19/3/19	BPhil Union	Education Council Consultation
19/3/19	Culture Club	LWAG Event
20/3/19	PROSH	
20/3/19	Academic Board	Quarterly meeting
20/3/19	Welfare Officer Interview	
20/3/19	WUN Mental Health Panel WG	
21/3/19	Elliott Wallace	Guild Overview
21/3/19	Brianne Yarran	Fortnightly meeting
21/3/19	Chris Massey, Tim Martin	Fortnightly meeting
21/3/19	Ethnocultural Collective Vigil	NZ Vigil

PROJECT UPDATE

Refectory

Fit-outs of outlets are nearing completion, with Utopia already opening. Other outlets are experiencing some delays due to additional approval requirements from the City of Perth. The vendors arriving early this semester are:

- Toshine Japanese
- Cutting Board
- Campus Kebabs
- Utopia Bubble Tea
- Chinese Canton

Orientation

The University has been quite receptive to our feedback on orientation, and we believe that as a whole orientation week has been very successful. Our involvement was:

- Monday: International student information session, student expo (with ISD, clubs, etc.), campus tours, welcome ceremony
- Tuesday: Faculty orientation, Guild activities on Oak Lawn, FacSoc carnival, Departments
- Wednesday: postgraduate orientations, PSA event, enrolment support
- Thursday: enrolment support
- Friday: O-DAY and enrolment support, including a chill-out zone on Oak Lawn, with food trucks, a water slide, and games

We will be collating feedback on Orientation to improve it for next semester and next year.

Freedom of Expression

The formal consultation has concluded, and a report has been released with 18 recommendations. I will be releasing this report for comment from students, and I will feed this into the Working Group before the report goes to Senate.

Safety on Campus

The Safety on Campus Working Group has met for the first time this year, and the Guild President will now co-chair the group. The group's Terms of Reference has been broadened to focus on all student safety issues, but will continue to have a close focus on the Recommendations of the Change the Course Report.

I look forward to the next meeting of the group and to making progress on the Safety of Campus Action Plan.

Campus Masterplan

The Campus Masterplan is concluding, and we are getting some more certainty on where the future is going with the delivery of reports from FreeState and Turnberry coming very soon.

Student Assist

Student Assist has recently been experiencing an extremely high case load, which has meant that the staff has found it difficult to keep up with the demand. Consequently, some admin tasks have been moved to other staff, and the Food Pantry will now be managed by the GSC.

Communications

The format of Guild Weekly has recently been changed to be more streamlined, and to include video content, and a wrap up of the last council. Feedback from this council is very well come, and will be tabled to the communications and transparency working group with feedback from clubs.

Engagement with Albany

I was fortunate enough to be able to visit the Albany Campus this month and talk to the Student Association (a Guild Department) about how we might better support them. These are some key initiatives for council to be aware of:

- Discounts
- More contact with OBs to replicate events and initiatives on the Albany Campus where appropriate
- Explore volunteering opportunities in Albany
- Explore starting clubs at Albany
- Digitise student leadership training for student leaders in Albany
- Simplify finance processes
- Work with UWA Sport to provide more sporting opportunities for these students

Young Lives Matter

I met with the Young Lives Matter Foundation this month. The foundation aims to conduct research at UWA to identify early warning signs of suicide in young people to address suicide, which is a big problem in WA. We are currently exploring how the Foundation's work might touch the lives of UWA students, as well as carry out important work and I recently took the patrons of the organisation on a tour of current health services at UWA.

Bettina Arndt

The infamous denier of rape on university campuses Bettina Arndt is due to speak at UWA on 7th March. Bre and I worked closely together to respond to this and held a protest in solidarity with survivors. We also worked with the university to limit and mitigate harm to survivors of sexual assault and harassment at UWA.

Refectory Upper Floor Upgrade

Upgrade of the May Tannock Room, Sue Boyd Room, and Acorn Café are complete. This includes new flooring, AV equipment, lighting and mirrors. This is almost completed, awaiting new lighting and painting. A new pricing plan for clubs for these venues has also been completed, making them more affordable.

1st Floor Guild Village Renovation

Planning for the 1st floor of the West Wing of Guild Village is underway. Later this year, STA will move part of their operations downstairs, making room for a new space for Student Assist. Architecture firm Hames Sharley have been commissioned to design the downstairs portion of this, and have started works.

Indigenous Strategy

A draft of this strategy has been endorsed by Equity and Diversity committee. Brianne and I hope to bring the final strategy to council after a final round of consultation with First Nations students.

StudentConnect Refresh Project

StudentConnect is being redeveloped to improve the experience of students using it. Much of our feedback has already been incorporated into the project thus far. The development team have completed development and are now undertaking testing. The new platform will be launching in April.

Training for Guild Council

All councillors, except one, have now completed governance training. I facilitated a session on reading financial statements for councillors last month to help them to engage with the financial reports in council.

World Universities Network

In May I will be travelling to Dublin to attend a student forum with other student leaders from across the world. I am keen to learn from others about how they have approach big issues at their universities, particularly student mental health. From this I am currently planning to bring together all of the stakeholders and areas of expertise at UWA, and create real conversation about how we can improve this.

ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE

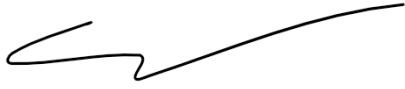
- Successful PROSH
- Improved business model in student assist
- Opened Utopia in the Ref!
- Early contact with Albany Students Association to plan for 2019.
- Extensive consultation on the Freedom of Expression at Universities with the Freedom of Expression Working Group in Perth and Albany.
- Engaging Orientation program for new students.
- FacSoc engagement in Faculty sessions in Orientation.
- Established the Election Culture Working Group to improve electoral processes.
- Order textbook extracts online through OneSearch.
- Extended time to lodge a stage 1 review
- Biggest Student Expo at Orientation to date
- Financial training for Guild Councillors
- New Lecture Capture System delivered
- Updated policy on club/society stalls outside of Guild Village
- Expanded Guild student leadership unit to presidents of eligible clubs
- Secured an exemption for payroll tax, saving the Guild approximately \$250,000 every year.
- Distributed an additional \$30,000 to clubs and societies in partnership with BHP and UWA.

DISCUSSION TOPICS

What do you think of the weekly video updates in Guild Weekly?

Feedback on Orientation.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a series of connected loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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